

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 816

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor Jacob Darnell Baggett upon his exemplary service to the Tennessee General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should honor those valuable legislative employees who have performed with unwavering devotion and enthusiasm throughout their tenure with the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Darnell Baggett, the Senior Legislative Advisor to Senator Ken Yager, is one such estimable professional who has rendered sterling service since his employment by the Senate in December 2018; and

WHEREAS, a proud Tennessean, Mr. Baggett is a graduate of Dickson County High School, where he earned the Boy's Citizenship Award, Honorable Mention, and holds the rank of Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baggett received his Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University, where he graduated *magna cum laude*, and earned his Juris Doctorate at the John J. Duncan, Jr. School of Law at Lincoln Memorial University, where he graduated *cum laude*; and

WHEREAS, during his undergraduate matriculation, Mr. Baggett served an internship with the General Assembly as a legislative intern for the Senate Finance, Ways and Means Committee in 2010 and later completed an internship with the Tennessee Supreme Court under Justice William C. Koch, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, during his time at the John J. Duncan, Jr. School of Law, Mr. Baggett served as a research assistant, worked alongside assistant district attorneys in the Seventh Judicial District as a special assistant district attorney, and interned as a law clerk with Chief

Justice Gary R. Wade of the Tennessee Supreme Court and for the H.E.L.P. Committee of the United States Senate chaired by Senator Lamar Alexander; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his legal degree, Jacob Baggett served with acumen and alacrity as an employee of the Tennessee Department of Treasury, first in the position of Counselor II, Claims Administration and then as Division Manager and Compliance Liaison; and

WHEREAS, in March 2018, Mr. Baggett was named campaign manager for the gubernatorial campaign of former Speaker of the House Beth Harwell, leading her campaign's statewide operations until August 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Baggett began his illustrious tenure as senior legislative advisor to Senator Ken Yager, who is chair of the Senate Republican Caucus, in December 2018, and he has served with distinction as the executive director of the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature Foundation since February 2021; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Baggett has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues and the members of the General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Jacob Darnell Baggett for his exemplary service to Senator Ken Yager and the Tennessee General Assembly and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.